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SUBJECT: FORMIN ESENBEL'S TELEVISION INTERVIEW ON
ON AID CUTOFF

1. INTERVIEWED ON TURKISH NATIONAL TELEVISION
EVENING FEBRUARY 7, CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY AID CUTOFF,
FORMIN ESENBEL MADE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A. "ONE SHOULD NOT DOUBT THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF PRESIDENT
FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER...BOTH HAVE DONE EVERYTHING
IN THEIR POWER UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS...ONLY I FEEL, AS
LEAST PERSONALLY, THAT I AM NO LONGER AS DESIROUS OF MAKING
THIS DISTINCTION (BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES).
BECAUSE I AM DOUBTFUL MYSELF AS TO HOW WE CAN EXPLAKIN THIS TO
OUR NATION. TURKEY VIEWS AMERICA AS A WHOLE...WHAT THE TURKISH
NATION FACES IS THE FACT THAT U.S. AID HAS BEEN STOPPED,
NO MATTER WHO HAS TAKEN THE DECISION."

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B. "THIS ISSUE OF (SUBSTANTIAL) PROGRESS (IN THE CYPRUS

NEGOTIATIONS) IS INTERPRETED IN MANY WAYS. SOMETIMES WITHIN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS IT IS STATED THAT IF THE MAJORITY OF THE REFUGEES RETURN IT WILL MEAN ENOUGH PROGRESS, OR IF THERE IS A MAJOR REDUCTION IN THE MILITARY FORCES WHICH TURKEY HAS IN CYPRUS IT WILL MEAN MAJOR PROGRESS...I THINK THE MAIN POINT IS NOT THE DISCUSSIONS IN CYPRUS...BECAUSE THE PERSONS WHO HAVE ENACTED THIS LAW IN THE CONGRESS KNOW THAT THERE CANNOT BE REAL PROGRESS IN CYPRUS IN A MONTH, OR TWO MONTHS OR THREE MONTHS. BECAUSE THE OPPONENTS, THE GREEKS, ARE NOT READY TO SIT AND TALK WITH GOOD WILL... THE ATTITUDE OF PRO-GREEK MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS -- AND I AM STATING THIS IN FULL KNOWLEDGE, BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS -- WAS TO GIVE A PRESENT TO THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT, TO GIVE SOMETHING SO THAT THEY TOO CAN FEEL AT EASE -- THEY HAVE MET WITH A FAILURE AND THAT FAILURE CAN BE OFFSET BY A GAIN EVEN IF IT IS OBTAINED BY SOMEONE ELSE."

C. "OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WITHIN NATO ARE VERY SOUND RELATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WHICH THESE RELATIONS NECESSITATE SHOULD ALSO BE SOUND, CONTINUING, AND NOT SUBJECT TO CURTAILEMENTS...I THINK THAT WHAT TURKEY SHOULD DO AT THIS MOMENT IS TO START FROM THE BASIS THAT THE AID HAS STOPPED AND GO ON TO NEW ARRANGEMENTS, TO NEW ADJUSTMENTS...(TURKEY) WILL HAVE THIS TAKEN UP WITHIN NATO. WHAT IMPROVEMENT WILL OTHER MEMBERS OF NATO...BRING TO THIS ISSUE?... THAT IS THE FIRST JOB TO BE DONE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL RELATIONS -- I MEAN FROM THE MILITARY ANGLE -- AS ALREADY STATED IN THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, THERE IS THE NECESSITY OF MAKING CERTAIN ARRANGEMENTS... MEANWHILE, IF AN IMPROVEMENT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MILITARY AREA, THEN, NATURALLY, ACCORDING TO THIS OUR ADAPTATION WOULD CONTINUE. ONLY WE CANNOT BASE... WHAT OUR POLICY WILL BE NOW ON A CALCULATION OF WHETHER THE AMERICANS WILL CHANGE THEIR POSTURE IN 30 DAYS OR 40 DAYS, OR WHETHER THEY WILL CHANGE IT IN THREE MONTHS."

D. "THE AMERICANS HAVE REALLY GOOD INTENTIONS IN RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, OR I SHOULD SAY, THEY USED TO HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS. NOW, AFTER THEIR RECENT ACT, ONE NEEDS TO SPEAK MORE
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CAUTIOUSLY."

E. "...INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAD STARTED AND THEY SHOWED A TENDENCY TO PROGRESS. BUT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND NATURALLY THE GREEKS, DURING THE LAST WEEKS, LEAVING THESE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ASIDE, BECAME INTERESTED IN WHAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WOULD DO. AND WITH THIS THE ACTIVITY SHOWN BY CLERIDES DECREASED; THEY BEGAN CAUSING DIFFICULTIES AND THEY, IN THE LAST STAGES,

WHILE

MAKARIOS WAS TO REMAIN IN THE BACKGROUND, HE CAME INTO THE OPEN AND STARTED TO MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS. IN SHORT, WHAT THEY DID WAS TO THINK WHAT THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WOULD BE...THEREFORE WE HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD THE AMERICANS, AND I PERSONALLY HAVE REPEATED IT: THERE WILL BE NO POSSIBILITY FOR THE OTHER SIDE TO SIT AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH GOOD WILL UNTIL YOU COMPLETELY SOLVE THE AID ISSUE... THIS SURELY IS NOT A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE UNITED STATES...LOBBYING BY THE GREEKS IN THEIR OWN CONGRESS AND SO FORTH, THIS IS ALSO NOT SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF..."

F. "INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAVE STARTED; DENKTASH WILL CONTINUE WITH HIS JOB...WE HAVE A SET POLICY. IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR US TO ASSUME ATTITUDES IN THESE TALKS SHOWING EMOTIONAL REACTIONS ACCORDING TO THE CUTTING OFF, INCREASE OR DECREASE OF AID."

G. "YOU KNOW THAT SOME TIME AGO THE QUESTION OF MY MEETING WITH KISSINGER IN BRUSSELS AROSE. THERE WAS NOTHING SECRET ABOUT THIS AND HE ALSO ANNOUNCED IT IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, AFTER THE AID SITUATION AROSE, WE POLITELY NOTED THAT THE BASIS FOR MAKING THE TRIP WAS LOST... I TOO HAVE SEEN THE PRESS STORIES THAT HE MAY COME HERE. BUT NO SUCH PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS."

2. ESENBEL ALSO ANSWERED QUESTION ON TURKEY'S RESPONSE TO GREECE'S PROPOSAL ON TAKING AEGEAN DISPUTES TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, BUT DID NOT DEPART FROM LINE IN EARLIER STATEMENT ISSUED BY HIS MINISTRY.

3. INTERVIEW WITH ESENBEL WAS PRECEDED, BY WAY OF DACKGROUND, BY BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH CHAIRMEN OF FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES.
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ALL PARTY CHAIRMEN DEPLORED CONGRESSIONAL DECISION AND ALL VOICED HOPE THAT TURKEY'S LENGTHENING GOVERNMENT CRISIS COULD BE SOLVED TO STRENGTHEN COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH MAJOR NEW PROBLEM PRESENTED BY CUTOFF. STRONGEST STATEMENT WAS MADE BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, WHO ARGUED THAT "IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION, OUR NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON NEW AND STRONG FOUNDATIONS." HE WENT ON TO SAY: "I BELIEVE IN THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF PRESIDENT FORD ON THIS SUBJECT. ONLY I FEEL THAT I SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR: UNILATERAL VIOLATION OF AN AGREEMENT...AND THE FACT THAT A CRISIS OF AUTHORITY HAS COME ABOUT IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE COUNTRY WHICH HAS UNILATERALLY VIOLATED THIS AGREEMENT, IS A VERY GRAVE SITUATION. WE CANNOT WAIT IN VAIN NOR CAN WE LOSE TIME WITH

THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION MIGHT FIND A WAY TO
INFLUENCE THE CONGRESS TO FIND TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS TO THE
QUESTION OF AID. AS LONG AS THE PERSONAL GOOD INTENTIONS OF
THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE ARE NOT INFLUENTIAL
IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, THERE CAN BE NO GUARANTEE FOR TURKEY.
TURKEY SHOULD SEEK THIS GUARANTEE WITHIN HERSELF."
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